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SUBJECT: NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE: PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED
FUNDING FOR NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM

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1. WE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE MISSION'S INTENTIONS IN
RECENT CABLES ON NATO SCIENCE BUDGET AND COMMEND YOUR
INITIATIVE IN SPEAKING OUT FOR A PROGRAM OF SPECIAL VALUE
WHenever YOU FEEL CIRCUMSTANCES CALL FOR IT. OUR RESPONSE
TO YOUR INITIAL CABLE (REF A) WAS NOT INTENDED TO SHOW
LIGHT REGARD FOR THE MISSION'S INITIATIVE. TO THE
CONTRARY, WE SHARE SOME OF YOUR ANXIETIES ABOUT THE
SCIENCE BUDGET, AND DIRECTED OUR RESPONSE TO THE
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"IMPRACTICALITY" OF A 37 PERCENT INCREASE AT THIS TIME,
NOT TO THE UNDESIRABILITY OF FUNDING FOR A SIGNIFICANTLY
GREATER PROGRAMMING CAPABILITY.

2. IN REGARD TO LONG-RUN BUDGET REQUIREMENTS OF NATO
SCIENCE, WE CANNOT MAKE A COMMITMENT FOR INCREASED SUPPORT
AT THIS TIME, PARTICULARLY ONE INDEXED SOLELY TO A

HISTORICAL LEVEL OF PROGRAM AS SUGGESTED BY MISSION.
WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER INCREASED BUDGETS JUSTIFIED
ON SPECIFIC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTRACTIVE PROJECTS,

AND THEREFORE WELCOME YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A "FRESH
EVALUATION OF THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM". WE WILL SEEK
PRACTICAL MEANS OF CONDUCTING REVIEW AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE
TIME SO AS TO MEET LONG-RUN PROBLEM SEEN BY MISSION.
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